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3000 TAKE PART IN MUSIC FETE

More than 3000 outstanding musicians from high schools and junior colleges of southwest Missouri and southeast Kansas were given auditions and criticisms during the second spring music festival sponsored by the college, March 21, 22, 23, and 24.

Of special interest to music students of the district was the clinical program by the three guest music critics of national prominence. This program, given for the benefit of music supervisors and advanced music students of the district, featured the three guests in a demonstration of problems of music instruction, assisted by the Joplin High School orchestra, band, and chorus. Mr. Alvin Edgar of Iowa State College discussed band work, Mr. Clarence Sawhill of the University of Illinois, choral problems, and Mr. Oscar Anderson of Chicago, orchestra performance.

Schools represented in the festival were Altamont, Chetopa, Coffeyville, Galena, Parsons, Fort Scott, Carl Junction, Webb City, Carthage, Cartersville, Southwest City, Cassville, Pierce City, Monett, Mount Vernon, Nevada, Pittsburg, and Joplin. The junior colleges of Parsons, Fort Scott, and Monett were represented and given special recognition.

"OUR TOWN," DRAMA, COMING

On the evening of May 9, the Joplin Junior College players will present "Our Town," the Pulitzer Prize winning play by Thornton Wilders at the Joplin High School auditorium. Of this play, Alexander Woolcott says, "In all my days as a theatre-goer no play ever moved me so deeply."

It is a distinct departure from the conventional in that it is done without scenery, depending upon the portrayal of human actions and human emotions for its forcefulness and appeal.

Principal characters will be portrayed as follows:

Stage Manager.....Lonny Chapman
Dr. Gibbs.....Ed Farmer
Joe Crowell.....Duncan Summerville
Howie Newsome.....Jonathan Sharp
Mrs. Gibbs.....Dorothy Friend
Mrs. Webb.....Billie Grattis
George Gibbs.....Chalmer Graham
Rebecca Gibbs.....Jane Lough
Wally Webb.....Jack Holden
Emily Webb.....Betty Rowton
Professor Willard.....Robert Dunham
Mr. Webb.....Frank Cline



ABOVE IS THE SCENE AS FARRAR MARRIES SHOEMAKER IN "STUNT NIGHT" SKIT

GRATTIS CROWNED QUEEN OF ANNUAL

Billie Grattis was crowned queen of the 1940 yearbook last Tuesday evening in a coronation ceremony and dance following the "Stunt Night." She was selected by Melvyn Douglas, a motion picture actor of Hollywood, from pictures of the six co-eds of the college selected by the students as the most attractive.

Dorothy Friend, editor of the Crossroads, acted as master of ceremonies and Everett Reniker, business manager, placed the crown on the head of Miss Grattis. The queen's attendants and their escorts—Marjorie Parker and Herbert McCoglin, Jane White and Bill Gideon, Betty Rowton and Gibson Wolfe, Verna Richards and Ed Wyrick, Norma Butler and Ed Lang—preceded the queen in her entrance to the auditorium and march to the throne. Three children, Sonny and Charlene Hackney and Crystal Louise Hawes, were the crown and train-bearers.

Impressed By Music

The Joplin Junior College music department really started something a year ago when it established a non-competitive music festival, judging by the praises with which it is being showered from all sides.

Last year, when the idea had its inception, there was much skepticism concerning the outcome of the experiment. Many persons believed that without the element of competition, it could not become an outstanding success. However, the festival in its first year was far from being a failure in the judgment of the critics and those who participated. But this year, according to Mr. Sawhill from the University of Illinois, who has acted as critic both
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RUNNERS AND JUMPERS ARE READY FOR TRACK MEET

The track season will get under way this afternoon if the weather permits with a triangular meet with Coffeyville and Bolivar at Junge Stadium. With only five lettermen back from last year's squad, Coach Collins hopes to build a winning team. The returning lettermen are Bob McCulley, Jack Guinee, Lonny Chapman, Tom Prince, and Bo Prince.

Meets so far have been arranged with Fort Scott April 16, Kansas Relays April 20, Butler Relays and a meet with Independence. This year's squad, in addition to the returning lettermen include Hood, Gardner, Hayes, Percy, Carlisle, Rowland, Armstrong, Green, Moore, Magruder, and Mealy.

"BETA DAY" NEXT WEDNESDAY

The Beta Beta Beta sorority will observe "Beta Day" next Wednesday. Members will wear dresses of the sorority colors through the day. Highlight of the day will be a dinner in the evening at Roberts Cafeteria and a movie party afterward.

Pledges of the sorority gave the program at the weekly meeting last Wednesday night. An old fashioned school program was the feature with Cleo Martin teacher. Recitations by the pupils were poems by Mary Ellen Cunningham, Marjorie Martin, and Mary Helen Hayes; a tap dance by Anna Belle Hathcoat and Margaret Reid; piano duet, an excerpt from the opera "Rigolletto," by Bonnie Farneman and Bettie McCaleb; humorous song by Ruth Parker; and an address on Liberty by Phyllis Smith. Clendora Burt and Alice and Lily Herrod were unparticipating pupils on the back row.

ALPHA KAPPA MU SORORITY HAS FIRST PRIZE STUNT

J. J. C. Players and Trojans
Are Two Other Winners

"The Wedding of the Painted Doll," a pantomime wedding ceremony by the Alpha Kappa Mu sorority was the winner of the \$10.00 first prize in the stunt night program last Friday evening. Winner of the \$5.00 second prize was the J. J. C. Players with "A Study in Surrealism," and of the \$3.00 third prize, the Trojan Club with "Can This Happen Here."

The song "The Wedding of the Painted Doll" was sung by Mary Agnes Bartlow, accompanied by Mary Katherine Sours, during the skit. Mary Louise Farrar was the bride; Louise Shoemaker, the groom; Florence Wyatt, maid of honor; Verna Richards and Dixie Marshall, bridesmaids; Marquette Henry, flower girl; Mary Katherine Douthit, best man; Helen Brown and Francis Barbarick, ushers; Jeanne Kersting, the minister; and Marie Anderson, mother of the bride.

Guests to the wedding were Red Ridinghood by Clara Laird, Follies dolls by Delora Todd and Ruth Boatright, Bo-Peep by Catherine Gates, rag doll by Lorene Ochsenbein, Mammy doll by Lois Pierce, Pickaninny by Jane Warner, Jack Horner by June Craig, Jack-in-the-box by Ruth McReynolds, and Buster Brown by Geraldine Hopwood.

In "A Study in Surrealism" by the J. J. C. Playyears appeared Bob Hatley, Geneva Tappana, Margaret Hennessey, Shirley Collins, Anna Belle Hathcoat, Frank Britain, Bob Driesback, Chalmer Graham, Eddie Lou James, Kenton Slankard and Billy Epperson. Dave Remillard, Lonny Chapman, Jack Guinee, Gail Hood and Bob Galbraith were the actors in "Can This Happen Here?" by the Trojans. Other skits were "Madame McGillicuddy, Mysticist," by the Spinx Club; "Phfft With the Breeze," by the Beta Beta Beta sorority; "The Shotgun Wedding," by the Alpha Theta Chi fraternity, and "Hillbilly Hi-Jinks" or "Routin' the Revenooers," by the faculty.

WRITERS COMPETE FOR \$25.00

Fifteen entries were received last Wednesday in an essay contest on "The Value of the Y. M. C. A. to the Community."

An unknown man of Joplin is giving a first prize of \$15.00 and second prize of \$10.00 to the writers of the two best essays. The best will be judged by the grammar, thought and neatness. Judges will be members of the college faculty and the Y. M. C. A. executive board. The winners will be announced in the assembly program next Wednesday.

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THIS BERTRAND RUSSELL

The College of the City of New York has saved itself, it says, from Bertrand Russell, the English mathematician and philosopher. But New York has denied itself one of the best minds of the age so far as the harmless rationalization of philosophers can be said to come from a mind. Philosophy, because of its present nature and tendency to be all contradiction, cannot be taken seriously anymore, so Russell's ideas would not harm the college children of New York parents.

As a mathematician only, Russell can be said to be worth something; as a philosopher, he is nothing. While his ideas are interesting, they are all destructive criticism. He can say the world is all off but he offers no proof or solution. His bright idea of "temporary childless marriages" for university students is the emanation of a quack. His unorthodox views are against all the convention which man has established by experience as the best way. But he is a great thinker and if New York doesn't want him, there are better universities who do.

COLLEGE IS GREAT

In *Johannes Factotum: I Love It*, published in the Junior College Journal, an anonymous professor records the view he sees of his students. This article states the idea of co-operation, duty, loyalty, intellectual curiosity, and the feelings between faculty and students in the junior college.

The professor says it is the students who make his job "palatable." It is the students who wake the institution go. He admits that some are not college stuff, but makes the failures his problem more than the successes, not by pushing them on through college but by fitting them for vocational or terminal courses. The reward of seeing his students get jobs or go on to higher institutions is the satisfaction of his teaching.

PERHAPS IT ORIGINATED IN SALZBURG

The German musician and composer, Wagner, in 1876 inaugurated Salzburg, Austria's first spring music festival. It was in honor of Mozart; and artists from the world's music centers came and brought their newest compositions to be played—opera, symphonies, tone poems and hymns.

This was the first spring festival. Composers wrote, orchestras rehearsed and opera singers practiced during the long European winters in order to compete. When spring came to Austria, Salzburg was filled with the light hearted and the "cosmopolitan center" was filled for days during the fete.

But, this festival is no more since the Nazi regime has made Austria a German province.

Here and Yond'

Idle Thought: What ever happened to the Scandal Sheets that were so numerous last semester?

Pet Peeve: That Blackberry Winter should only make itself felt on week-ends.

Ad: Plenty of extra apple polish for sale. See June White anytime outside of class hours.

May we suggest Jack Swope for a diplomatic post? He is dating a redhead, a brunette, and a grass widow, and his forehead shows not a single new wrinkle.

According to Bob O'Bert acquiring a black eye is the quickest cure for love of a woman.

That touching romance between Puds Morrison and Dotty Friend has run its course and is no more. Love is dead, long live love.

It is true that Lawrence Ray would like to spend his summer vacation doing or dying for merry old England?

Happy the Terrier, owned by Mr. Elliot, the custodian, is one of "mans best friends," but the worst enemy—the terror of all J.J.C.—mice. Many times when Mr. Elliot is menaced by mice he turns to her for protection. Every morning she accompanies him to school ostensibly to help build the fire, but actually she heads immediately for the gym. There, she seizes a luckless mouse, snaps it back and forth, and often finishes by tossing it through the north basketball goal. Coach Collins might do well to sign her up for next year's basketball team.

Note to Paul: Haircuts are only 35 cents. Even a pair of scissors and a bowl could work some improvement.

If you see Marybelle Edmundson doing nip-ups in the front hall, it's because she's so happy over patching up differences with Gordon.

This column would be much easier to write if Hooker would quit forcing his way in with his troubles over Dahnke and Jones. There's an old game called "Eenie-Meenie-Minie-Moe" that might help you make up your mind, Johnny.

Confucius Also Say

Confucius, so seldom quoted in our schools before someone conceived the idea of revising his sayings to fit the minds of modern youth, would probably have said of the revisor, "He is no follower of mine. It would serve him right, my children, to sound the drum and set upon him."

However, the Americanization of Confucius has resulted in a great deal of curiosity concerning the real Confucius. It is probable that fifty percent of the students today know nothing of the great Chinese teacher and his Analects. When we study the Analects of Confucius, we wonder how he could have inspired the modern Confucius.

Confucius said nothing that did not spring from wisdom. His say-

FOLLOWING THE WAR

Rationally, the recent seizure of Denmark and Norway can be fairly well accounted for. The easiest and most practical way for the Allies to win the war is to starve Germany out by blockade. The Allies today lack the 3-to-1 land and air superiority which military experts give as the minimum necessity for a successful attack on the western front, and even if a successful attack were possible, the tremendous losses which would be inevitable would constitute a serious danger from several viewpoints. The key to the situation then is the British blockade.

Disregards International Law

Just how effective the blockade has been we don't know, but apparently it has not drastically affected Germany thus far. Germany too has everything to lose by attacking on the western front, and as long as the blockade does not press her too tightly her best policy will be to sit tight. Apparently Great Britain, recognizing that fact, decided to go to almost any extent to make the blockade tighter. In addition to halting Italy's indirect importation of German coal and to throttling Rumanian oil shipments to Germany, Great Britain laid the law down to the Scandinavian countries, who had formed one of the biggest loopholes in the blockade. Disdainfully disregarding the "international-law" and "neutral rights" for which, at other times, she so strongly pleads, Great Britain began a series of measures which would make the Scandinavian countries neutral in name only. Germany, fully aware that Allied "neutrals" to the north would mean one more link of an ever tightening blockade, and perhaps the death blow to German chances for victory, wasted no time in making the hapless countries German "protectorates."

Peaceful Countries into Brawl

The infuriatingly unfair part of the whole thing is that the literate, progressive Scandinavian countries, fervently peace-loving, have to be drawn into this brawl for power. One may be excused for being skeptical of the "war aims" of countries which force their degraded, barbarian disputes upon intelligent, civilized people.

Of course the inevitable answer is that "the object is to win the war" and that "the end justifies the means," but has anyone ever found out what justifies the end?

ings are concerned with learning, government, propriety, philanthropy, reciprocity, and other common relations of life. The Analects of Confucius would be worthy of our study—perhaps more worthy than those of Confucius, Jr. They may require a greater amount of thought but as Confucius the first said, "Learning, without thought, is a snare; thought, without learning, is a danger."

The Awful Truth

Hello Folks:

Here's a very famous theory expressed in two different ways:

Number One: In the spring the weaker sex is often the stronger sex because of the weakness of the stronger sex for the weaker sex.

Number Two: This is spring—the season when a young man's fancy lightly turns to what girls have been thinking about all winter.

Which brings us to the Mystery of the week: Why does dashing Fred A. dash up to high school every day at noon? ? ? Can it be that a certain "fancy" awaits him there each day? ? ?

Orchids to Billye, the queen of queens, and not only the choice of the campus but the choice of one of Hollywood's most popular leading men.

Scoop! ! ! Flash! Cupid triumphs again! From all appearances, it would seem that Marian F. is very much that way about Bill Warren, and vice versa!

Definite sign of Spring: Bill Gideon playing the field, the field being among others J. Clinch, B. Brelsford, Billye G., and Betty R. What a bevy of beauty! ! !

Observations: Jane W. and Frankie make a cute couple, or have you noticed! ? ? Ditto for Morton and Marian B. and J. Van Hook and Charlotte . . . Hert McColgin doing the town with that sweet little coed from Cotney, M. Gathright . . .

Flash! My girl Friday tells me that the battle is over, and here's the decision --- Jim Lacey has definitely captivated the heart of the school's prize blonde, Louise Longenecker! ! ! It's rumored that Louise old flame, Kenney is stepping out with Jane Jackson.

Eternal twosomes: Gaylon and Ann Ridgeway, Marjorie and Theodore, Margaret and Al, Byron and Margaret, Jack Swope and Marie.

As we go to press, we learn via the campus grapevine that Cupid has been working on Dan Hays and Ruth McReynolds. Incidentally, Ruth and Dan make a very nice piano and violin duo, or have you heard?

Whispers are going about that the Hart-Butler-Holden triangle is no longer a triangle! It seems that Norma has been stepping out on the boys! However, this department still sees Lamar out in front.

With that, we go to press. Here's hoping that some of you will prove yourselves unworthy of your best friend's trust and give us the low down.

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SHOWER ROOM SOAP

I long to see the followers of a sport as old as ancient Greece once more cavort through its games on the cinder track and the open field.

I long to see powerful Lonnie Chapman driving into the home stretch of a quivelling half-mile run, and then perhaps touch it up with a classic mile by the side of Dan Hays.

I want to see Gail Hood, Charley Green, and Lewis Percy flash through the 100 and 220-yard dashes in bronzed symmetry. I should like to watch Sharp and Carlisle take the hurdles with antelope-like strides.

In addition, I desire to watch Tom Prince whip the javelin, to see husky Bo Prince and mighty Virgil Magruder throw the discus and put the shot.

All of this is by way of telling you that we have a track team, which promises to be a very good team, and which, I am sure, will appreciate your support. The first meet of the season takes place today as a 3-way meet with Bolivar, Coffeyville and Joplin the participants. Next Tuesday, April 16, comes a meet with the powerful Fort Scott Junior College team. Hospital Notes: Jonathan Sharp, proud possessor of that "fine old American name," is back in school following a short but fierce tussle with the strep-(you pronounce it) streptococci germ.

Chaff: Fort Scott had a turnout of 55 men for the track team. They go for it up there, and last year produced a sprin relay team which carried away honors at the Kansas relays . . . District fans will remember "Pop" Wood, Webb City boy who two years ago carried away first places in the 100, 200, and 440-yard dashes in the Joplin Relays, and who is now starring for Ft. Scott.

Parade of personages: Freddy Ahnert growing brown as the proverbial nut through his camping trips on Shifferdeckers golf course may well qualify as Joplin's marathon folger. The other day he played 54 holes . . . But Ed Lang swears that he played 72 one day. Incidentally, I hear that Coach

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TWO STUDENTS ARE FROM SOUTH AMERICA

Joplin Junior College numbers among its students this year two girls who are natives of South America, Misses Alice and Lilly Herrod.

The girls' father is an Americanized citizen born in England and their mother was born in South America of English parents. Both Lilly and Alice were born in Buenos Aires, which they consider "home," saying they hope to go back soon, if not to live, at least for a long visit with friends and relatives.

Six years ago the Herrods came to the United States and the girls were enrolled in the Webb City Junior High School. Until this time, they had attended private schools—St. Andrews Scotch School; the American Grammer and High School, supported by the Methodist Church;

John Lance of Pitt. Teachers is after Ahnert to balster his 1940-41 cage squad . . . Bill Collins: He's just returned from a coaching clinic in Columbia in which he claims to have learned something. Over heard at the state high school tournament as athletic dignitaries of Springfield Teachers College conversed: "I thought Green was the best man in the tournament last year."

Iidbits: Professor Dyer starred for M. U. in track for three years . . . Tennis bugs are awakening under the influence of the spring sun. Bill Gideon, Ed Land, and Frank Brittain have been at it for some time. . . . Bill Gideon is considering buying a 2-foot watch chain to enable him to display all of his tennis medals at once. Lang and Brittain go in for cups.

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Their South American education had been more than satisfactory, according to the United States public school standard, as these girls were placed a year ahead of other pupils their age upon entering school here.

Both Lilly and Alice speak Spanish fluently and they are continuing their study of the language in college.

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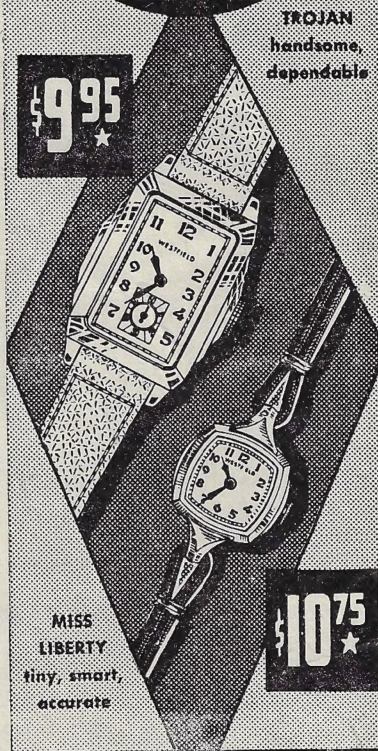
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CLASSES OUT ONE DAY FOR FIESTA

The Annual Fiesta, bigger and better than ever, opens Monday, April 22, for 3 full days. Most important to students are the attractions Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday, for which school is dismissed, beginning with a military parade at 2:30 and childrens' parade at 4:30 Tuesday.

Tuesday night at the big coronation ball at Memorial Hall another Fiesta queen will be crowned to reign over the festivities.

Wednesday morning bands and drum corps of the district will compete for honors, the ten best of each remaining over for the mammoth float parade at 6:30.

Free street entertainment and Hennies Bros. Carnival will be continuous throughout the three days of celebration.

Classes to be dismissed Wed., 26th.

High School Notes . .

The senior class play, "Death Takes a Holiday," will be presented tonight, with Jeane Clinch and Charles Ellington in leading roles.

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Twenty-one members of the Joplimo and Spyglass staffs have been initiated into Quill and Scroll, national honorary journalism society.

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With about half of his first violins at home with the mumps, "Chief" Coulter is worried about whom he is going to take to Columbia in about two weeks.

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times, an almost unbelievable degree of improvement has been shown. Likewise, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Edgar, who were not present last year, declared that they were both pleased and astonished at the showing made by the participants without benefit of competition. The two critics admitted that they had had misgivings before the start of the festival—misgivings which they did not long retain.

Mr. Coulter, head of the music department of Joplin Junior College, says that he has received a great many communications from music directors and teachers throughout the district, acclaiming the festival as a noteworthy institution and one of the finest music festivals in the country. "Even the University of Iowa," says Mr. Coulter, "has written that it is starting an annual event built upon the same lines as that of Joplin Junior College."

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NEWS COMMENTATOR SAYS NEW DEAL, FASCISM ALIKE

Boake Carter, one-time radio news broadcaster and student of political and social problems, discussed current events in a two hour lecture at the high school auditorium Sunday afternoon.

He criticized the national administration severely for "undermining of spiritual values" in people of the nation. He warned against the commercial aspect of the present wars.

Speaking by his own experience of losing his own high-salaried job on the air several years ago, he gave the trenchant philosophical belief that "Struggling to maintain a standard is the curse of happiness." He says that he has received his education in the last two years by trying to re-adjust his standards.

He compared the United States and Germany exactly by saying, "The American people reacted to the same philosophy in 1932 that Germany did in accepting Hitler. We have developed our own special brand of American Fascism, and America, faced with economic collapse abroad, must get some spiritual integrities to hang onto or deliver the government to some know-it-alls at Washington."

A question-and-answer forum followed a celebrity supper at the Connor hotel.

ODE TO MABEL

Mabel, my gentle, my lovely,
Since thou is gone my memories thee
Are like those dreams of lost Lenore
Or the beautiful Annabelle Lee.
Thou wast the comfort of my
Fading years,
For when I suffered all the
Moods of life,
I could outpour my soul to thee
In loud remonstrances or gentle tears
And thou wouldst listen
With an understanding
That was exceedingly rare;
And solace me with eyes
That reflected heaven and earth
Within their callow stare.
Oh, all these eternal memories:
Thy soft caress,
Thy breath, like the scent of
Meadow flowers,
Thy supple grace, thy velvety eyes,

STUDENTS MODEL STYLES

Lovely girls and handsome men of Joplin Junior College modeled the newest Spring clothes on the Fox theatre stage March 21. Clothes were shown from the leading stores of Joplin. La Deane Mount organized the staging of the show, and Mr. Harley Fryer and the art department of the junior college contributed much to its beauty and success. Jeanne Keith gave descriptions and comments on the clothes as they were modeled. The show was divided into three sequences in order that morning, afternoon, and evening clothes might be previewed by the audience. Throughout the show the junior college orchestra played.

Thy life-giving powers.
Though Heaven be richer
By a soul so fair,
I cannot help but mourn
Thy presence there;
For my life which once was
Full of joy
Now is - - -
Oh, Mabel, my gentle cow,
Why didn't thou have to
Leave me now?
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